

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kesayoshi IGUCHI et al.

Serial No. 09/488,527

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: A METHOD OF PROCESSING
CUSTOMER'S ORDERS AND
A CUSTOMER'S ORDER
PROCESSING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2167

Examiner: Morse, G.

Atty Docket: 0102/0095

REQUEST FOR REFUND

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests a refund in the amount of \$36.00 in view of the following. ^

On January 10, 2002 a transmittal letter for extra claims fee and check No. 2924 in the amount of \$168.00 for two independent claims were submitted to the Patent Office with an accompanying amendment. Please note that the only claims added via the amendment were two independent claims. See attached transmittal letter and return postcard.

Also attached is a copy of a January 31, 2002 Deposit Account Statement having highlighted thereon an amount of \$36.00 charged for this case for two dependent claims.

Inasmuch as the two independent claims that were added via the amendment were paid via a check, the undersigned hereby requests a refund of \$36.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0501.

Respectfully submitted,

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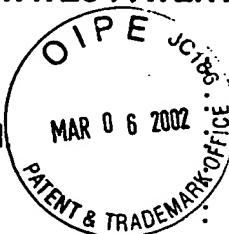
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An additional amount of \$168.00 of fees for (2) independent claims added by the accompanying Amendment is owed by the above-identified Application.

Attached herewith please find a check in the amount of \$168.00 to cover this newly added claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit funds from Deposit Account No. 50-0501 if the amount shown on the herewith attached check is insufficient. Conversely, any overpayment reflected on the check should be credited to the same account. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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PTO hereby acknowledges from the dated stamp hereon receipt of the following documents:

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inputting means for inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said ordered articles;

predicting means for predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in accordance with said stored order data in response to a command signal; and

display means for displaying said quantities for said every article to be prepared at a given time period in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal at a peak time, and for displaying respective sets of input ordered articles at non-peak times.

31. (Amended) A method of processing customer's orders comprising the steps of:

- (a) inputting and storing data of articles in accordance with orders by customers;
- (b) predicting quantities of said ordered articles to be prepared in accordance with said stored data of articles in response to a command signal;
- (c) displaying said quantities for every said articles to be prepared at a given time period in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal; and
- (d) displaying respective sets of input ordered articles at time periods other than said given time period.

Please add new claims 32 and 33 as follows:

32. (Newly Added) A method of processing customer's orders comprising the steps of:

- (a) storing setting data for every article;
- (b) inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said ordered articles;
- (c) predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in response to a command signal generated in accordance with said stored order data inputted for a given time period; and
- (d) displaying said quantities for every said articles in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal.

33. (Newly Added) A customer's order processing apparatus comprising:
storing means for storing setting data for every article;
inputting means for inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said
ordered articles;
predicting means for predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in
response to a command signal generated in accordance with said stored order data
inputted for a given time period; and
display means for displaying said quantities for every said articles in accordance
with said setting data in response to said command signal.

Remarks

The following is a response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the at issue claims of pending claims 1-31 have been amended with specific attention paid to the indefiniteness noted by the examiner. Having done so, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-31 are now devoid of any of the noted indefiniteness problems.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 11-19, 22-23 and 26-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Savage U.S. patent 6,026,372. Moreover, claims 5-6, 9-10, 22-21 and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Savage.

As amended, independent claims 1, 16 and 31 each now feature the displaying of the image as shown for example in Fig. 3 of the instant application when it is not a peak time period, and the image of Fig. 4 when it is a peak time period. Savage does not disclose such separate displays. In other words, Savage does not have the capability of displaying one image at a peak time and another image at a non-peak time.

New claims 32 and 33 each recite that the "command signal" for initiating the prediction of the quantity of articles to be prepared is a command signal, generated for



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